

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 9577

Tetsuji TOGAWA et al.

Docket No. 2001-0998A

Serial No. 09/903,581

Group Art Unit 2812

Filed July 13, 2001

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING POWER OF ATTORNEY AND REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PATENT OFFICE RECORDS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

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The undersigned received a Notice Regarding the Power of Attorney in this application on August 28, 2002. This Notice informed the undersigned that in response to a Power of Attorney filed July 24, 2002, the Power of Attorney to the undersigned had been revoked by the Assignee, who was indicated as having intervened as provided by 37 CFR 3.71. However, it is respectfully submitted that this is incorrect, and that the proper Power of Attorney in this application remains with the undersigned.

Thus, the undersigned has been in contact with the Assignee, who informs the undersigned that they have not intervened in anyway in this application so as to revoke the Power of Attorney to the undersigned. They further indicate that the Power of Attorney shall remain with the undersigned.

Furthermore, it is noted that the Power of Attorney alleged to have revoked the power to the undersigned was filed on July 24, 2002. The PAIR system reflects this change in Power of Attorney as item number 10 of August 22, 2002. However, the PAIR system also reflects additional information that does not correspond to Applicants records. Specifically, item number 9, dated January 22, 2002, reflects an Information Disclosure Statement. However, the only Information Disclosure Statement in this application was filed July 13, 2001, which is correctly reflected as item

number 8 in the PAIR system. No further Information Disclosure Statements had been filed by the undersigned subsequent thereto. Accordingly, Information Disclosure Statement dated January 22, 2002 appears to be in error in the records of the Patent Office. It is noted that this Information Disclosure Statement, even had the Power of Attorney reflected in item number 10 been correct, would still represent a mistake in entry in the records.

Further, the undersigned has been in contact with the attorney who filed the Power of Attorney filed July 24, 2002. This attorney, Mr. Kevin Spivak, Esq., of Morrison & Foerster, indicates that there papers were filed with the incorrect Serial Number. Thus, there papers indicated the Serial Number of our application, the above-referenced application, when it should have indicated "08/903,581". Accordingly, the Power of Attorney revoking the power to the undersigned was erroneously entered in this application due to an incorrect Serial Number.

In view of the above, it appears that erroneous information has been entered into the present application file, currently resulting in an improper withdrawal of the Power of Attorney to the undersigned. Accordingly, the Office is respectfully requested to correct their records to appropriately reflect the Power of Attorney to the undersigned, as well as otherwise correct their records regarding the information of items filed in this application. Should any further information be required, the Office is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

The Power of Attorney and the correspondence address remain with:



By:

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Respectfully submitted,

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